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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West and Northeast; lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was mixed in the West; barely steady to weak in most other areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate at best. Breast items were at least adequate to available and discounted where product was in excess. Wings and most dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, processing schedules were mostly normal. Live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 19-SEP-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	67.00-70.00	50.00-78.00	69.06	28
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	82.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	75.00-77.00	62.00-82.00	75.48	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
962	71.65-76.90	75.11
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00	1,251
BREASTS - B/S	156.00	6,163
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00	1,338
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.00	1,044
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	7,844
WINGS	96.50	3,044
This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.		

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices on whole birds moved lower into the Chicago area for next week's trading. The market tone was about steady to weak. Heavy weight bird offerings were ample with sharply discounted offering prices noted; smaller sizes were adequate. Movement continued sluggish for the most part, slow to fair at best; spotty moderate to fairly good demand into catering in Ohio and into food service in parts of Detroit. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavier than desired. Supplies of wings, thigh and leg meat were tight, all other items adequate to ample with boneless/skinless breasts in the longest position. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on dark meat, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on breast cuts.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was noted as cautiously steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate with wings adequate to tight. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were readily available and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majorities for next week were at unchanged prices. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries, on WOGs, at mainly unchanged prices for regular commitments with new negotiations unchanged to higher prices on light-weight product and unchanged to lower on heavy weights. Offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Discounts reported as common-place on excess product to help stimulate buying interest. Retailer demand was moderate best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on dark meat items, with white meat items steady overall.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were readily available and slow in clearing; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to slow and activity was often described as limited. Seller offerings were ample and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 74 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was generally weak. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate. Wings, particularly parties, were often noted as in the closer, better balance with trade needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	67-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	09/12/05-09/16/05
	09/13/04-09/17/04
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	09/12/05-09/16/05
	09/13/04-09/17/04
	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 16

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	770	120.00-155.00	-	137.95		774	115.00-205.00	-	139.57	3,764	139.21
TENDERLOINS	183	144.00-198.00	147-149	150.02		254	145.00-208.00	147-149	149.54	1,092	149.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	84.00-92.00	87-88	87.91		144	82.00-90.00	85-88	86.54	581	87.65
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				74	50.00-60.00	-	57.57	279	61.68
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT		63.67	270	64.98
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	44.00-47.00	46	45.93		596	44.00-47.00	45-46	45.59	3,019	45.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	950	46.00-49.00	-	47.83		1,190	46.00-49.00	47-48	47.80	5,140	47.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	312	90.00-96.00	91-94	92.30		302	90.00-99.00	92-95	93.45	1,515	92.15
WINGS (CUT)	313	112.00-115.00	-	113.72		336	112.00-119.00	114-116	114.34	1,654	112.59
DRUMSTICKS	108	52.00-72.00	-	55.15		68	50.00-72.00	-	55.53	383	56.52
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT			181	60.30
B/S THIGHS	70	125.00-140.00	-	132.86		108	125.00-140.00	-	132.78	403	131.92

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS\*\*\*\*\*  
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TRADING FOR SEP 15, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50 - 56.50	54.01	47.00 - 53.50	51.58	53.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity was generally light to fair as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were readily available at discounted levels; bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Drums were available; other dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was weak for boneless skinless breasts. Balance of items were steady to about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS				
BREAST - B/S	150	147.28	627,260		145-150	149.00	682,560	147.24			3,156,370
TENDERLOINS	150	148.89	99,620		150	142.74	193,320	144.00			871,335
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	94.27	83,160		84-85	93.67	63,800	93.74			383,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	85.67	91,520		84	85.50	72,000	86.25			411,920
LEGS	64-65	66.62	171,800		64-65	65.17	260,680	64.52			1,154,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	47.95	261,000		48-49	48.30	248,240	47.65			1,490,880
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.38	86,080		54-55	59.74	99,320	60.35			590,950
THIGHS	61-62	64.55	64,080		61-62	67.40	78,140	65.33			355,720
B/S THIGHS	135-136	124.33	61,280		135-136	131.50	158,960	126.28			559,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	101.53	213,380		98-99	98.67	205,120	97.79			1,062,300
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.65	26,840		10-12	11.77	25,150	11.69			89,070
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.22	15,363		45-50	48.38	4,000	45.17			61,243
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	70.00	17,640		65-70	70.28	13,560	69.91			75,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)				POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	09/16	09/15	09/14	09/13	09/14	09/13	09/09	09/07			RANGE
Alabama	4,717	4,155	4,065	4,072	5.36	5.35	5,156	5.37		FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,560	5,361	5,330	5,372	5.28	5.34	5,958	5.36		ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,244	2,240	2,275	2,324	5.61	5.67	2,823	5.57		HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,586	2,292	2,262	2,282	5.08	5.11	3,296	5.11		HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	4,609	3,141	3,010	2,753	5.87	4.98	5,576	5.80		DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,595	2,556	2,487	2,222	6.49	6.28	3,367	6.59		RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,510	2,519	2,531	2,551	5.15	5.23	2,573	5.23		RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	24,821	22,264	21,960	21,913	5.51	5.51	28,749	5.53			
Mon-Fri	112,286(A)						101,491(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Sep-05 and 17-Sep-05 is estimated to be 37,135,000 head down 13.92 percent from a week ago and up 4.58 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 43,141,000, last year 35,508,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 17-Sep-05 is estimated to be 170,276,000 head up 12.98 percent from a week ago, and up 10.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 150,712,000, last year 154,376,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 03-Sep-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	22,976	19,022	39,055
Avg Weight	3.80	4.79	6.23
% of total /1	28%	23%	48%

#### Comparisons

Last week	26,387	23,274	52,273
Avg Weight	3.69	4.73	6.25
% of total /1	26%	23%	51%

Same week, yr ago /2	25,276	22,125	42,204
Avg Weight	3.58	4.79	6.30
% of total /1	28%	25%	47%

To date/2005	967,251	782,652	1,702,726
To date/2004	930,105	757,770	1,586,796

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 10-Sep-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	150,712	1,035	1,042	2,077	502
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.25	5.78	6.44
Last week	150,807	1,369	1,338	2,707	504
Same wk yr ago	149,574	1,231	1,346	2,577	414
Avg Wt	5.31	3.43	8.00	5.82	6.77
To-date/2005	5,785,780	53,462	50,937	104,399	17,870
To-date/2004	5,628,856	48,922	48,040	96,962	16,733

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.5 million head, or 10.6 million less than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August 6	171.9	167.4	103%	5.28
13	170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
20	169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
27	169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
September 3	152.6	163.7	93%	5.20
10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
Year to date	5855.9	5931.9	99%	
September 17		164.8		
24		165.7		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	09/17/05	09/10/05	% CHG	09/18/04	% CHG
Broilers	170,276	150,712*	+12.98	154,376*	+10.30
Cattle	652	574	+14	637*	+02
Hogs	2,038	1,827	+12	2,087*	-02

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 12-SEP-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65.00-76.50	70.00-75.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.50	73.00-82.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were mostly unchanged on whole birds. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies adequate. Weights were light to desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-SEP-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 09-13-05**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 - 1.35
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.30
Pekin Ducks	4.50 - 5.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.45 - .55
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.65 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.65 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.05 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.60
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Silkie	2.75 - 5.00ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .60
Pigeons	2.10 - 2.35ea.
White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.85 - 1.00
Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Goats	45.00 - 51.00ea.
Kid Goats	30.00 - 35.00ea.
Doves	4.00 - 5.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 368

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for light canners; heavy canners were fair to moderate with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
19-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-29 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	6-13	9-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were measured. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Schedules full-time for next week.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	6-11	8-10

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-SEP-05

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady.

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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